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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. STANTON).

### DESIGNATION OF SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,  
October 20, 2021.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GREG STANTON to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### MORNING-HOUR DEBATE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the order of the House of January 4, 2021, the Chair will now recognize Members from lists submitted by the majority and minority leaders for morning-hour debate.

The Chair will alternate recognition between the parties, with time equally allocated between the parties and each Member other than the majority and minority leaders and the minority whip limited to 5 minutes, but in no event shall debate continue beyond 11:50 a.m.

### REMEMBERING THE TRAGEDY OF THE BEIRUT BARRACKS ATTACK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Indiana (Mr. PENCE) for 5 minutes.

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues, and all Americans, to never forget the tragedy of the Beirut barracks attack.

On Sunday, October 23, 1983, 241 brave American heroes lost their lives in defense of our freedom. That fateful date, cowardly Iranian-backed terrorists, Hezbollah, drove truck bombs into the U.S. Marine Barracks in Beirut, Leb-

anon. It was the deadliest single-day attack against U.S. Marines since the battle of Iwo Jima in 1945.

As a marine and veteran of that conflict, I made a promise to always remember and honor those fallen. I will always remain faithful to that promise. God bless America and semper fi.

### CRISIS AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize just how awful the crisis at our southern border is.

In the Biden administration's latest show of contempt for this mess, vaccine mandates for CBP agents and ICE agents will further throw the situation in flux.

Who is the Federal Government to force vaccines upon our Border Patrol agents, and all of us, when they are not holding illegal immigrants entering our country to the same standard?

Sadly, this is another way for Democrats to defund the police, when too many CBP agents will be fired or forced to quit because getting vaccinated is not the right choice for them.

I will continue to denounce these lawless and disastrous policies that are perpetuating this border crisis.

### CELEBRATING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOOSIER GYM

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Hoosier Gym.

Before the Knightstown Gym became the Hoosier Gym, home of the Hickory Huskers, it served the community for 64 years, opening its doors back in 1921.

Many know this iconic locale when it became famous with the release of the classic movie "Hoosiers" in 1986.

Congratulations to the Hoosier Gym, its staff, and patrons. We are looking forward to the next 100 years.

### TURNING THE IRS INTO A POLITICAL WEAPON

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to denounce the disturbing trend we have seen of turning the IRS into a political weapon.

Democrats have included provisions in their reckless tax-and-spending bill that will give the IRS rogue authority to monitor individuals' financial bank accounts and transactions.

Whether you are a Democrat or Republican, no one should ever support this communistic invasion of privacy by our Federal Government.

### BIDEN'S ENERGY CRISIS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to address the energy crisis we are facing. The Biden administration's poorly crafted, radical climate agenda has led us here.

This crisis is already hitting home for Hoosiers. An Indiana-based energy company just announced that my constituents are going to pay more for their energy this winter. What was an \$88 a month energy bill will now be \$133 a month, a 40 percent increase.

To those over at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue who have deemed this a high-class problem, wake up. You are taxing the middle class through inflation.

### RECOGNIZING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY OF INDIANA'S SIXTH DISTRICT

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding work our men and women of the law enforcement community do for Indiana's Sixth District.

From Muncie to Madison, and everywhere in between, these hardworking Hoosiers are on the front lines of keeping our cities safe.

Sadly, many of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle want to demonize these heroes.

To put it simply, thank you to those who risk their lives every day so we can live ours.

### RECOGNIZING HARDWORKING HOOSIER FARMERS

Mr. PENCE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize our hardworking Hoosier farmers as they wrap up their efforts for this year's harvest.

These fine men and women are the backbone of the State and Nation. Because of their dedication, dinner will be on the table today and tomorrow.

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